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## West Palm Beach Ham Saves Lives of 2 Tots

By Sandy Donahue, WA4ABY

It was a quiet ordinary Monday evening for Wayne Keelin, WB4PWF, Riviera Beach. Just home from his job at Palm Beach Gardens hospital, Wayne was looking forward to a routine April 19, pursuing his newly-found hobby. Fortunately for two tiny Ecuadorian children, Wayne's quiet Monday evening was upset and ham radio again proved it can provide needed communications when the chips are down.

Wayne was tuning across twenty meters that night and heard a desperate voice in Spanish, "This is an emergency, a super emergency." Wayne is a pharmacist for the Palm Beach Gardens Hospital and his wife, Hilda, a pharmacist for Good Samaritan Hospital. Both also speak Spanish. Wayne quickly learned that the operator was in Quito, Ecuador. "Some children

in an orphanage here got into some lead sulphate. Two are already dead and three more are dying," the Quito station said. "Doctors here say that the children need two types of rare medicine for them to survive."

At this point timing was critical. The last plane from Miami to Quito departs two a.m. It was now ten p.m. Only four hours to find the rare medicine. WB4PWF, contacted the Ecuadorian counsel in Miami who in turn called Jackson Memorial Hospital. Tragically Jackson didn't have enough medicine to treat the children. Wayne and Hilda went to their respective hospitals and secured enough medication to save the children if they could get the medicine to Quito in time. It was 11:15 p.m. The



MR. AND MRS. E. WAYNE Keelin WB4PWF of Riviera Beach.

Quito ham relayed that a third child had just died.

The Keelins got in their car and began a hurried drive the 60 miles into Miami. "We prayed we drove," Hilda said. "We got to the Braniff terminal just in time to hand the medicine to one

of the passengers on the flight." A few hours later the medicine was being administered to the children.

The next day, tired but hopeful that their efforts paid off, Wayne again tuned the

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## FCC Probes Ham Political QSOs

By WA4ABY

WASHINGTON—It is widely unreported but sensitive political ears in Washington are hearing the fresh sounds of an FCC inquiry into on-the-air political activity by amateur radio operators. Proposals are allegedly being put together that for the first time might restrict political discussion by amateurs.

No one in the FCC will admit it but the initial moves in this area were made months ago during the wave of protests to the Vietnam War and the shootings at Kent State University. The Student In-

formation Network, (SIN) was set up, ostensibly to circulate information about the demonstrations and dispel rumors. The commission and in a little publicized move issued Notices of Violations to several college campus stations that were spearheading the SIN. The FCC accused those cited of performing services that were to benefit non-amateur services. If upheld the citations could outlaw all public service activities on behalf of Red Cross, Civil Defense and other non-amateur services. But for the interim the commission is concerned about the

political implications of ham radio and student unrest.

Commissioner Nicholas Johnson charges that the FCC's interest in student stations was related to a desire to control a medium of particular effectiveness to young people, "who have become vocal politically, often in opposition to the establishment."

Commissioner Thomas J. Houser states however that the inquiry into political discussion by hams was simply, "aimed at finding whether the stations ought to be regulated as broadcast operations. Some

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### OLD GOATS

The Old Goats Net picnic was held Sunday April 25th at Hillsborough River State Park. There were 16 licensed hams and their families present. An excellent time was had with face-to-face QSOs. Thanks to all. 73, K4GU.

### DX SCOOP

SKIP was advised at deadline time by MET, — 6Y5EM of Kingston Jamaica that Reciprocal agreement has been approved between Jamaica and USA. More next month.

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## EXPERIMENTAL KB2XSE

Bob Grove, W44PYQ

A West Palm Beach Research firm (Ocean measurements) often transmits for long periods a 150 watt carrier (Navigational experimental license KB2XSE) for their new electronic position system. Intermittent carrier transmissions are from about 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily on 3.3120 and 3.3050 MHz at 1 pulse per second. The oscillators are Hewlett-Packard 5061 cesium-beam primary frequency standards.

Any station receiving the signal outside of a 50-mile radius is invited to call Ocean Measurements collect with a signal report. The number is 305-848-0608.



# Letters To Editor

Congratulations on your new VHF column. Most of your subscribers in Naples are technicians. The Extras, Advanced and Generals that come to our club meetings while here for winter only have never heard of FLORIDA SKIP. When mentioned, they say "we have band openings up North too."

So, we Technicians hope you keep up the column. Even year round holders of higher class tickets are active on 2 meter FM here.

73,

Roland Fennimore, WB4JAL  
Naples, Fla.

(Editors note: How about getting K4GT some local news?)

In the renewal card for Florida Skip you asked for pet peeves etc., so here goes!

Sunday, April 25th, I was listening on the ten meter band near the high end and heard an AM station signing W47CSM. He was talking to some station giving weather and family problems, etc. I tuned down the band and here we have W47CSM who said that he was in Phoenix, Ariz. This second station was the true holder of the call sign! My wife and I both listened to them and she said, "That isn't the same fellow" to which I agreed. The first station did not give his location at the time we heard him. He must have been a bootlegger. The true W47CSM was working a foreign station.

This is not unusual as I had my old call W2CEE bootlegged when I was on 160 meters. This one we caught by using directional loops and we got a perfect fix on him! Carl Manning and Walter Howell, both of the FCC came to my home and the information was given to them. They raided the place and found the equipment.

On April 14, 1967 while up north a QSL card from K23AA was forwarded to me. The card stated a QSO on 20 meters SSB

RST 5X9 Feb. 12th was confirmed. I wrote a letter to the fellow at Fort Amador, C.Z. stating that I had not been on the air at the time and my call sign W4CKE must have been bootlegged, so I guess that we have bootleggers in Florida too!

Some time ago I was listening to a ham on 40 meter SSB who must work in a store in Miami. He said when a ham comes into the store and asks for parts he laughs in his face!!! This knucklehead probably don't even know which end of a soldering iron you hold to solder something!! He must be a nice fellow. Guess he is only interested in selling complete equipment.

Well, I guess after 37 years of ham radio and commercial operating, I can expect almost anything! Oh, yes, if something went wrong with the equipment at sea, we could not walk ashore or send it back to the factory. We had to fix it!!

73,

Albert G. Dick, W4CKE  
Zephyrhills, Fla.

Dear Andy:

With reference to authorization for WWV time and weather broadcasts, I felt there was a need for same for use by individual stations and nets. Many of the local stations operate 6 meter transceivers and are unable to pick up WWV. I have been checking WWV daily against my digital 24 hour clock and then indicating the time on the Rag Chewers Net which meets daily at 9:00 a.m. I announce the time coming up and hold down a key on an oscillator. When the clock indicates the time I have announced, I open my mike for the oscillator tone. This practice will be followed until I have finished building a special WWV receiver.

I wrote WWV at Boulder, Colorado for  
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## EDITORIAL HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US

Here we are 15 years later. With millions of words, pictures, diagrams, typos, HAMBARS and what have you.

Thinking back over the 15 years, the BIG question in my mind, was it worth it all? The work, worry, scheming, sweating and even crying.

No one will really ever know how much time and effort was put into FLORIDA SKIP to keep it going. Keep it being mailed on time. Keep all the "copy" going to our make-up people. Typing up thousands and thousands of Hambars correctly. Trying to write a clever cut line for a photo. Trying to get simple tech articles with diagrams for each copy. Having a baby—two more babies, a hurricane—death in the family—having another baby—another death—two more babies—another bad hurricane—FD and QSO Trophies—and another death in the family—sickness and more sickness. The press keeps moving—the SKIPs keep going out by the thousands. The telephone calls—cold meals, and coffee and melted ice cream. Cutting hundreds and hundreds of addressograph plates—correcting hundreds and hundreds of address changes—processing endless numbers of new and renewal subscriptions—sending out statements to our advertisers—trying to get new advertisers—worrying about why they didn't respond to our statements.

Take a good look at our masthead on page 2. Check our correspondents, faithful club and other correspondents—your staff members. To Joan, Doris and Dave of SIMCOX & Associates, the very talented people who put SKIP together each month. It's to these people we owe our thanks over the past 15 years.

Again—my question—was it worth it all? Can YOU tell me? I am waiting. Andy Clark W4IYT, Editor.



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## ANOTHER HEATH MODIFICATION

(Here's one supplied by Fred Alden, W8JTD, a manual writer at Heath who is an active DX'er. I've tried a similar version and it seems to work quite well. Signal levels do not appear to be affected as far as the ear is concerned altho' it might be seen with instruments. With a few minor changes, it should work with the SB-100, SB101, HW-100 and HW-101. This should also work with the SB-300 and SB-301 plus any other receiver. 73—Jim Isham W8TXX, Heath Co.)

This modification to the SB-102 provides for its use with the SB-303 solid state receiver to obtain a split-frequency capability. When modified, the SB-102 will mute the SB-303 and will ground its antenna. The position of the SB-102 and SB-303 volume controls governs which receiver is in use, or permits simultaneous reception of two frequencies. The SB-303 can also be tuned for cross-band operation.

This modification eliminates the use of the Driver Output socket for its original purpose. If you are already using the Driver Output socket with the SB-500 transverter, the length of coaxial cable from lug 11 of the relay RL1 can, instead, be connected to one of the spare sockets on the rear apron, or a new phono socket can be mounted in the mobile mount hole next to the Driver Output socket on the rear apron.

Make the following changes in the wiring of RL1 within the "final shield" area on the underside of the chassis. Use RG-174-U, or equal, coaxial cable for the connection from lug 11 of the relay to the Driver Output socket.

1. Remove and discard the bare wire from lug 7 of the relay to the Driver Output socket.



**MEET MR. FRED Brauner W4JZB** of Hollyhill. Fred recently retired and spends much of his time on the Florida Midday Traffic Net which meets daily except Sunday on about 7254 at Noon. Easy does it OM.

## OLD PEOPLE

Scheming to avoid work is often more exhausting than doing the thing... Some people do odd things to get even. Guess who? He who watches the clock will always be one of the hands. Salada.

2. Connect relay lug 7 to ground (lug 10).

3. Disconnect the center conductor of the coaxial cable from relay lug 11 and reconnect it to lug 3 (the 8.5 MHz trap is already connected to lug 3).

4. Connect an RG-174-U coaxial cable from lug 11 of the relay to the Driver Output (or spare) socket. Before cutting the cable, plan where you will ground the shield wires at each end of the cable. Fit the cable into place. It may be necessary to cut back the center conductor for proper fit. Then solder the center conductor and shield wires at each end.

5. Connect the antenna socket of the SB-303 to this socket, using shielded cable.

6. Connect an 8 1/2" hookup wire from lug 2 of RL1, through grommet CG, to a spare phono socket. Mark this socket RCVR MUTE, and connect the Mute socket of the SB-303 to it.

## SURGE PROTECTION

(Here is a tip sent in by Norman Gerber W4ZRT of Miami. Norm says it really works on his Heath DX-100 and TX-1 transmitters and should work on any such type rig. Ed.)

To prevent the surge in current created by switching on the transmitter plate supply, some protection should be provided. A TV replacement SURGISTOR will fill this requirement automatically. These units come in several different hot and cold resistance values and are rated at circuit current capacity. The proper value should be placed between the plate transformer secondary center-tap and ground.

With the SURGISTOR cold, the unit's resistance will be high enough to prevent excess current. It will quickly warm up and decrease resistance to a low value. The SURGISTOR should be located in a position that will insure adequate ventilation. This type unit can be utilized in other transmitters to prevent the surges that can destroy tubes or diodes.

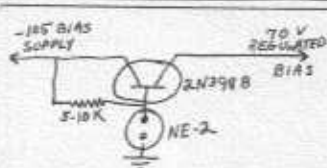
## TRANSCIVER BIAS REGULATOR

Robert Patten, W4OZF

The primary voltage on a mobile power supply will vary between about 11 and 14 volts depending on automobile engine speed. This will cause a variation of 20 to 30 volts in the bias supply. Bias voltage on the grid of a TV sweep tube in the typical transceiver should be about -55 volts for Class AB-1 operation but, with these large swings in bias voltage, the final can be running anywhere from Class A to Class C. Class A operation shows good linearity but has very low efficiency; Class C has good efficiency but is non-linear.

With the simple regulator shown, bias voltage is held within about 2 volts for a swing of 10 volts in the supply. Better regulation could be obtained by increasing the resistance of R1, but this would result in a lower regulated voltage and, if supply voltage was excessively low, the neon lamp might not fire at all offering no improvement in regulation.

R1 should be selected to pass 4 ma. through the lamp; R1 - E1N-70. The entire regulator is light enough to be self supported by its own leads. After the regulator is installed, idling current and S meter zero must be reset. Since the regulator is built into the transceiver, no further adjustment need be made when changing from a mobile supply to an AC powered supply.



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**AT THE SHELBY Hamfest**, Labor-day week end, members of the SOUTHERN COFFEE CLUB had a nice eyeball to eyeball meeting. Standing L to R: K4OKS, WA4VNB, W4UDB, W4UJA, W4OVE, W4ILS and K4KS. Seated L to R: WA4ESG, W4PUW, W4HZ, W4BMT, and W4ADB. The SCC meets daily, 1000 to 1200 GMT on 3933. They have check in from the Bahamas to Toronto to Washington state to Florida. Check in some morning. (Photo by Jan Coachman.)





## NAVY MARS

By Bonnie Wieboldt, NOPJQ-WB4FSF

South Florida is well represented on the All-Florida CW Net on 4008.5 khz. Liason stations to the So. Fla. SSB net include NOs: XXR, WYQ, WYK, SQB, WCK, and QDW.

When NOIWY was given his code test for his NMO-3 rating, he received the test in French. NOWCK received his in German.

District Director Chief Poston RMC and Assistant District Director Frank Morrison RM1 are both planning to attend the Orlando Hamfest.

Chief Poston recently returned from a trip to Puerto Rico where he met with the MARS members there.

Although not directly related to MARS, NOPJQ Bonnie, enjoyed a tour of the USS Saratoga, which is home ported in Mayport, Florida. The ship went about 20 miles off-shore. Bonnie was the guest of FN Al Hayes, who runs the ham shack aboard the ship. A cruise of this type really shows the general public and dependents what the boys do while spending many months at sea. It gave us more appreciation of the work done, and who we are handling these many messages for, day after day. Keep up the good work! (This is directed to the personnel of the many ships as well as the Shore stations)

We received very little news this month, except that which was received from Jim, NOWCK, who is as regular as clockwork in sending South Florida news. This is YOUR column! If it is to be a good one, news must be supplied to this station, as I cannot meet every net to see what goes on.

## AIR FORCE MARS

By J. R. Hopkin, Jr.

A word of caution to all about recent events. Last month, approximately three hundred members were canceled from the program. The overwhelming majority were

dropped because of failure to renew their licenses or submit change of address notification. There is really no excuse for this to happen as the FCC requires you do this whenever it comes up, and it should be on your mind to do both at the same time.

For those of you who do not check in or monitor the HF nets, I submit the following info. The Region 2 librarian, AF4DNU, John Linkard, has recently moved to Florida. He now resides in the Orlando area at 1046 Turner Rd. Winter Park, FL 32789. If you didn't already know it, Florida has captured another good one. Along with his excellent stock of AF manuals, John enjoys close harmony with other Region Librarians and can call on them to assist with those he doesn't have. The good part about it is, he does all the searching for you.

John is always looking for anything related to equipment being used in the program, including commercial rigs as well as the usual and unusual surplus equipment finding its way into MARS members hands. Just send along any you have, and I'll be very much surprised if you don't get a note of thanks. So a pat on the back to John and also a well done. That didn't hurt a bit and that's all the pay he gets.

## SILENT KEY

In Memory of Robert (Bob) S. Amee-W4NYL, born August 2, 1919 Portsmouth, New Hampshire, passed away on April 20, 1971. Moved to Florida 6 years ago. Bob was active on 6 and 2 meters on Mars and Mars net control. He always did his share for Mars and all who needed help. I knew Bob well. He resided at 903 Ruth St., Lakeland.

To me he was a great man—good father—and dedicated amateur.

Floyd W. Herschner  
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AT THE FIRST Annual Northwest Florida Boondocks Swapfest, held in Ft. Walton Beach, a W. Fla. Phone Net & EC meeting was held. 1st Row: W4NOG (PAM, net mgr.) 2nd Row: W4RKH (SCM W. Fla.) W4FDJ, K4BDY (EC) WB4IYV, WB4DVM. 3rd Row: W4IIZM, WB4IXK (EC), WB4IEU (EC & Asst. SEC), W4IKB (SEC. W. Fla.) 4th Row: Unknown, K4CFS, K4SVX, W4KCA, Unknown. (Photo via W4RKH)

## WORLD SKIP

By Phil Reid WB4ONC  
DX-PEDITIONS

ZA—Albania—OH2BH-ZA will open up on May 16 for at least a few weeks.

VK4—Willis Is.—Larry, W2IXP, will be opening from this spot on June 6 using a VK2-VK4 call.

VK-MR—Mellish Reef—This is a new one for DXCC. Larry will be operating here after his Willis expedition—probably arriving on Mellish on June 14, his call will be VK9NP-MR.

3CO—Annabon and Fernando Poo—These two locations count separate for DXCC. 3COAN will open up on June 16 for 3 days at Annabon and operate for 10 days at Fernando Poo after June 13 as 3COAG.

RARE STATIONS ACTIVE  
5X5—Uganda—Roger, 5X5NA, just received his license and reports he will be active daily at 1900 Z on 21.360. QSL to RSGB.

TJ1—Cameroons—TJ1BA on

21.377 at 1930 Z.

9L1—Sierra Leone—9L1RP on 28.530 at 1500Z on weekends. QSL to GW3AX.

5W1—Western Samoa—5W1AM, Fred, on 28590 at 2200Z.

OH0—Aland Is.—OH0NJ, Einer, on 21.357 at 1700Z.

VK9—Papua Terr.—VK9DH, Dereb, on 14.040 at 0700Z.

ZM7—Tokelau—ZM7AG on 14.210 at 0200Z.

VR5—Tonga Is.—VR5DK, Darleen, on 21.360 at 0100 Z.

Several new calls have been appearing on the bands, some which count as new countries for DXCC and others that don't. The following list states their current status.

VK-MR—Mellish Reef—Officially OK for new country status.

ET-B—Jabol Tair—Officially OK for new country status.

DX6—Guiramos Is.—Said to be new country, but not official.

IC1—St. Peter Is.—Counts as Sardinia (IC1).

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## SUNCOAST ROVING REPORTER

By Cathy Soehl  
W4BAV AREA ARNS

WB4MPF—Jack Gray is home from the hospital recuperating from a cataract operation.

W4NOK—Jack Adams graduated recently from the photography class at Dixie Hollins and will return for the advanced course.

W4GHR—Bill and W4BAV—Cathy Soehl, during a visit with K4GZ—Cal and Minna May Louis, enjoyed a luncheon with a radio group who, though not organized as a club, meet every Tuesday at the Manatee Yacht Club Restaurant, Port Salerno. There were 38 hams, XYLs and friends present among whom was XE1CCP—Tony Pita and XYL Jeannette. Tony is an avid ham, flying to most all conventions and hamfests.

The following Thursday the QCWA—Treasure Coast Chapter held their luncheon at the same place. Everyone was quite delighted to see K4MWS—Doc Hale, who was released that morning from the hospital. W1EMV—Kayla, Doc's XYL was not present as she, too, had been in the hospital and was home recuperating.

K4WXS—Lee Kanarian's OM—Charlie celebrated his 83rd birthday April 20th. Belated happy birthday, Charlie.

W4ATC—Keyth Doran is no longer superstitious as he passed his General Class License on Nov. 13th. Got quite a thrill when mobiling at Key West, had a break-in and the very pleasant voice proved to be coming from Essex, England; this on 20 meters.

Com'l. or Govmt. CW men contact K4PI—Franklin Adde for information on Society of Wireless Pioneers.

## DELTONA NEWS

By Jack Six, W4YPA

Glad to report the past couple of weeks a few more have been checking into the Deltona CD Net. Thanks fellows. W4TNK, Lee, called in last week and everyone was most happy to hear Lee. WB4HAK, Al

Canning has a new tower and beam up. Hope Al can check into the net more often. K4EZE, Herb Smith also is sporting a new tower with a two and six meter beam. K4OER is checking the two meter boys in and QSLing them to net control. K4OWI, Tom, of Maitland also checked in.

W4IMBM, Bob Whitacre, now has a new call—WB4UMW. Bob will have antennas up soon.

Several calls have been seen on cars in Deltona the past week. W8MTZ, W8SP and had a call on land line from W4SSKL, Bob Whitting from Milwaukee who is looking over property in Deltona.

Take care now. What is the use of running, if you're on the wrong road. Be patient fellow fishermen, there should be a law passed most anytime now where a fisherman will be guaranteed an annual catch. That's all for now—smile.



## Q.C.W.A. SUNCOAST CHAPTER

By Bill Soehl, W4GHR

The QCWA—Suncoast Chapter held their second luncheon meeting with 35 attending, including a half dozen from the Parent Gator Chapter.

K4KQ—Ray Hecht was presented with a 50-year Certificate from the QCWA National Headquarters.

W4FIU—Hal Bates discussed the furnishings, etc. needed for the Sheriff's Boy's Ranch radio building and the idea of how the QCWA Chapters can participate, with recognition being given for same. The topic will be discussed further at the combined QCWA Chapters luncheon, which will be held at the Orlando Hamfest, Saturday, May 22nd, at noon, Morrison's Restaurant downtown Orlando.

Hal also made a suggestion that a joint meeting be held in June, if possible, at the

Bahia Beach Restaurant, at Ruskin.

Check into the Gator Net, Sundays 9:30 a.m. 7253 kHz for further details on activities.

## SOUTHEASTERN CHAPTER OF THE QCWA

We had an excellent turnout for the "50 Year Awards" in honor of K4KK and K4BW, given May 6 at our monthly dinner in Miami. We had the pleasure of meeting them and their wives and they promise to meet with us regularly in Miami. Pictures were made of the occasion and it is planned that they will appear in the National QCWA publication.

We plan soon to muster up a group picture of all our 50 Year members. Since K4TT has become our able photographer and who also is a 50 Year member it has been suggested that those interested get in touch with him for a 50-year group picture. How about it W4BJ, K4GO, K4MK, W4HO, K4KK, K4BW, and K4QC? Also many others are eligible, how about W4BH and W4ZF?

Our next dinner will be the first Thursday in June, which falls on the 3rd. Plan to be there with the wife or friend. Smitty's Coffee Shop, 3200 N.E. 2 Avenue, Miami. W4JO Sec-Treas.

## WESTERN FLORIDA NEWS

By Frank M. Butler, Jr., W4RKH

Pensacola: New hams are WN4UNR, WN4UPK and WB4USP. W4NOG ran 152 patches this month, mostly with Coast Guard cutter Sebago. KOBAD-4 was appointed ORS; he is also working on RTTY gear. W4UUF wants a rest from VHF-PAM job; are there any takers among you VHF'ers? The FFARA is starting a new code and theory class; KOBAD and W4JODA-4 are the team leaders. The local 6-meter net moved to 50.4 MHz as of May 2.

Milton: WB4TZN just got his ticket, and is on 75m SSB. Fort Walton Beach: About a dozen hams provided communications on 2m FM for a two-day sports car rally. W4UNV is writing a weekly column on amateur radio in the local newspaper.

WB4GPI ran up a part-time score of 44,000 points in the CD Party. West Fla. is still a "rare" Section in these contests. W4FDJ renewed OBS and OPS appointments. WB4NRM, WB4PFV, WN4QYJ, WN4RBD, WN4TAO and WN4UPK moved up the ladder after recent visit to Mobile, Ala. FCC office. A new code class is underway, taught by WB4KX.

Panama City: WN4UER and WB4UNF are new hams here. W4YVW was appointed OVS. K4VEY and WB4LEL were active in Fla. QSO Party.

Chipley: W4IKB has a new Cynet 270 for mobile use.

## DCARPSC

By W4A4BY

The second annual Corps sponsored Miami Auctionfest will be held Sept. 18, 1971 at the community auditorium at Washington Federal Savings and Loan's new high rise building, 689 NE 167th St., North Miami Beach. This site is by far the easiest to get to in the county. Sticking out from the other buildings like a sore thumb, the edifice is only eight blocks east of the Golden Glades Interchange. As in our inaugural event last year only a dollar gets you in, with a five percent commission on all goods sold whether at auction or otherwise.

Our pint-sized enthusiastic publicity hound, Steve Kaplan, WB4SJQ, recently got his general and is now on the air with a new Tempo One. He astounded a recent meeting of the Dade County Amateur Radio Public Service Corps with the revelation that Naval sources in Key West were sending him some sophisticated gear for the club to use in our projected ham station at Third Century USA in 1970. Steve already has been before the planning committee of this August affair with a plea for space. The Corps is discussing this project, now in its preliminary stages, but realize that we have five years to prepare an outstanding display of ham radio in United States history.

Closer to the present, the Corps is rooting for Miami Beach to capture one or both of the National political conventions

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in 1972. We still fondly remember setting the ham world on its ear in 1968 with K4GOP at the Republican Convention.

Tragically April took the toll of one of DCARPSC's founding members, Dr. Roger W. Arnold, W4EHW. He was one of this town's most active traffickers and participated in countless emergencies that have plagued Dade County. In his memory we asked and received permission to apply for his call. By Field Day our call will have changed from WB4LRY to W4EHW. The Corps hopes that friends of Rj will hear his call in the future and remember this man and all he has done for our hobby. The DCARPSC, in turn, realizes that it must at all times strive to uphold his sterling reputation.

## GULF STREAM SOCIETY OF ARO, INC.

By Bob Murray, WB4CDL

Due to press of time and business meetings this column will be delayed until next month. 73 Bob.

## FORT MYERS CLUB NEWS

By Ken, W4SMK

At the May meeting of the FMARC Leo, K4EUD, gave a talk on his amateur operating while he spent 30 years in the military. Leo has many thousands of QSL cards he received while operating such choice DX as HC1LW, BV1US, and several more. We are fortunate in Florida to have so many amateurs retired here who have had very interesting careers all over the world.

Other business at the meeting included plans for the picnic on May 16, and for Field Day in June. You may find W4LX-4 competing in the low power battery operated category this year. Anyhow good luck to the competition in FD. Remember if it weren't for so many of us who come in last all you winners wouldn't have anyone to be on top of, hi.

The two meter FM business is picking up a bit. W4PJG has a mobile in the car now, as well as K4GEW. K4QV has a real good base station set up at Lehigh Acres. Plans are under way to start a two meter AM net for the local CD. Stations are needed in Cape Coral and down in Bonita Springs who have two meter AM gear. The Air Force MARS gang here also have a two meter intercom net on FM. It sure beats the QRM and QRN on the high frequency bands.

The dry weather really increases the power line noise in this area. This writer recently had a man from the power company out to check on the noise here. We learned a few interesting things about this problem. Seems like the wooden poles even shrink in dry weather, and this causes hardware to come loose and causes problems. Of course the dirt and salt on the insulators are bad, too. Fires in South Florida are becoming a real danger, so best we all hope and pray for rain.

Have a nice vacation this Summer and drive carefully wherever you go in the mobile rig.

## GATOR CHAPTER REPORT

By K4PI

The April meeting of the Gator Chapter was held at the Knollwood in Clearwater on April 17 and was attended by seventy members and guests including twenty of the fair sex. Due to an unforeseen problem arising, Chairman Frank Shannon was unable to be present.

Those present were treated to an excellent description of slow scan TV by Lee Wiese W0DO of the ARRL staff. Lew Sieck, K4NE, then announced that on Tuesday evening, April 20 Bill Dunkerley (also of ARRL) would give a talk at the St. Pete public library on the proposed ARRL Amateur Communications Satellite Program. This affair was attended by 62 members and guests of QCWA and SPARC.

A discussion then took place about the expanding membership of QCWA in Florida and it was felt there should be a representative from this area among the officers of National QCWA headquarters. One of our active members volunteered to work toward this end and a petition was signed by all present giving him complete support.

In addition, a project to support expansion of ham radio activity and equipment at the Florida Boys' Ranch was discussed and agreement was reached to contact other Florida QCWA Chapters to secure the additional funds needed.

Fifty year QCWA awards were presented to six qualifying members of the Gator Chapter, K4PF, W4FC, K4PV, K4JR, WB4NZM and W8NC4.

It was decided that our group would meet at the Orlando Hamfest in May and also try to arrange a final meeting of the season at the Knollwood on June 19.

## EVERGLADES AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

By Dick Dowst, WB4HZK

The Everglades Amateur Radio Club held its regular monthly meeting on Friday, April 9, 1971 and for a holiday we had a real fine turn out. Now that we have the club radio station on the air we have little trouble with late comers and people not showing for two or three months. It seems as everyone enjoys arriving a little early so that they can enjoy a good rag chew in the radio room with each other or on the air from the club station.

The club has set up a swap table in the meeting room and it is proving very satisfactory to all concerned. Any member having a piece of equipment or spare parts that he doesn't want or need can bring them to the club and display them during the meeting for swap or sale. After the meeting if the item is not traded or sold there is a storage area with each member having a box with his name on it and it is his responsibility to take care of his own property and put it away until the next meeting. This swap table has proved very enjoyable and interesting to all.

We regret to report that our planned tour



THIS ISSUE CONTAINS the results of the 1971 FLORIDA QSO PARTY. A copy of this issue goes to all who participated. We thought they would like to see the QSO and FD trophies that winners were awarded last year, at the Hamboree in January. We will have another 5 more just like 'em next year to give out. Thanks for your participation folks. (Photo by WB4PFZ)

of the Florida Power and Light Atomic Energy plant at Turkey Point will not be able to materialize at this time due to very rigid security and work commitments, but we have hopes of seeing this plant at a much later date.

Not very much new of interest this month so we will say "73s" for now.

## FLORIDA SIDEBANDERS ASSOCIATION

By Jim Ackerson, K4PNC

Congratulations are in order for the new novice at the Florida Sheriff Boy's Ranch—Wayne, WN4ULD. Get that General

ticket so you can check in on 3940 kHz. some Sunday evening soon! The continued interest by members of the association in helping young men get their amateur licenses at the Ranch is appreciated by all who wish they could help more in this project.

Our president, WA4BWE, has requested that more of the members stick around for the business session of the association. If you feel changes should be made in the way the meetings are run, let Tom know. You'll find him most open minded and

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willing to listen.

A special welcome to our new members Ron, WB4QKR, and Volle, WB4TDB-4, both of Key West. They have been around quite a while now and I believe you'll find these two a fine addition to our growing membership.

Make note of this! Rule 12 of the Association has been changed to read as follows: "An associate in military service, who anticipates missing a check-in due to military requirements, may, by sending a letter to this effect to the President of the Association, be excused from the missed check-in without losing his place or status on the check-in list."

More news next month. Jim, K4PNJ.

### COUNTRY COUSINS

By Stan Offenbutter, K4BLM

This is about the time of the year for vacations. Ed, WB4SGW; Will, WA4VWY and Burt, W4EHR returned from their vacations and I am certain that they had a wonderful time.

Don, WB4LSI was transferred to Portsmouth, Va. and is checking in from the new QTH. Bob, WB4TCZ is now stationed at Galena, Alaska and hopes to meet some of the Cousins on 20 meters.

Bill, K4ULF has been checking in after returning to the Sunshine State. Gus,

WA4CPL is putting out a nice signal. That new antenna is doing fine.

Welcome to our new Cousins: Tony, WB4EXN and Jim, WA4VH. Our roster keeps growing and it certainly is nice to have the aforementioned Cousins with us.

A welcome to all to join us every night at 10 p.m. EDST on 3670KHz. A certificate is given by the Net. Please check in for particulars.

### ORLANDO RAMBLINGS

By Hal, W4BKC

DISASTER + DISASTER + Alert all Hospitals in the area to prepare to receive about 300 casualties from an explosion during a School Prom at the Municipal Auditorium.

Of course the above indicated a Simulated Disaster, but it did provide a very realistic exercise for the various hospitals, police and fire departments, ambulance services, including the helicopter ambulance, doctors and nurses and scores of high school victims—many with the aid of moultage looked authentic.

This provided a real communications exercise, advising the various hospitals of the number and type of injuries being sent.

The ORLANDO REPEATER ASSOC. membership provided the following members with their assignments. W4WLX, at Municipal Auditorium acted as N.C.S., W4PAO, at Red Cross; K4FXF,

at Fla. Hospital; W4EZX, at Winter Park Hosp.; W4YJC, at Winter Garden Hosp.; W4YOX, at Orange Memorial Hosp.; W4DTZ, at Mercy Hosp.; W4MPQ, at Orlando General Hosp.; W4PKO, at Holiday Hosp. and W4EZX at C.D. on Hermann Ave.

The Winter Park C.D. 2m. Group held a parallel exercise with K4GA and W4CFA at Net Control, W4ZVX, alternate, W4HFB and W4ZVV, at Winter Park Hosp.; W4YSO and W4SRG at Mury Aud.; W4LSR, Mobile. Relay—Mobiles—WB4G10, WA4MMW, K4OWI, Tom and W4MCV, Ray operating Portable.

Everyone agreed it was a good workout with few kinks.

### TAMPA BAY REPEATER ASSOCIATION

By Jack Howell, K4LMI

The construction of the new repeater is in full swing. The largest flurry of activity is at WA4HAA's house where I've seen five guys in action at once. Eight members are helping build major new equipment for the repeater. The new stuff ranges from new front doors by AL, WA4BGW to an electronic timer package by Stormy, K4NOC. The new logging recorder is in the rack and working. It will allow us to go about 3 months without changing tapes. This will mean much less down time waiting for someone to change tapes.

The power amplifier is working well. We are using a pair of 4CX250's in push-pull with 2 kv. on the plates. The exciter is the old Progress Line transmitter which used to be the voice of WB4HAE. We plan to run a contest among the membership to see who can come the closest to guessing the actual output power when we put the repeater back in service.

It seems we'll be using the old mechanical kluge code wheel when we put the repeater on. The fellow who built the digital clock and ID went to Texas before we could take delivery on it. We would hope to be able to get it when he returns.

When we get the repeater back in service, we will still be narrowband on 2M, and wide on 450. Our input frequencies will be 146.34 MHz. and 448.2 MHz. Our output frequency will be 146.76 MHz.

### BRANDON AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

By Gene Burton, WA4YNW

Plans are complete for the BARS Third Annual Ham Campore on June 11-13 at Florida Campground. There will be a tree top antenna demonstration, hidden transmitter hunt, pot luck supper, community campfire sing, story telling, and many other activities.

The area has a new ham store. Art, K4AAI; Don, WB4MVM, and Gene, WA4YNW, have purchased Brandon Electronics.

BARS is planning the usual big operation for Field Day. Several hams from Tampa

and around the general area will be participating, also.

Jim, WA4ZWW, has moved to Fruitland Park. He is Radio and Carrier Engineer with Florida Telephone of Leesburg. We will miss him.

Novice calls earned by the recent class sponsored by BARS are: W4NTUR, Ralph; W4NTUP, Wayne; W4NTUN, Janice; W4NTUQ, Duncan; W4NTUO, Walton, and W4NUHV, Homer. Neil, W4RCQ, has just passed his General.

### BROWARD A.R.C.

By Jim Wilson, W4GDK

Thirteen new members are scheduled to be enrolled in the Club at our coming meeting. We surely do welcome them.

Our meeting during May is going to be Ladies Night, which is to be held at St. Clair's Cafeteria, with each of us asked to bring along as our very special guests our YL or YV. After eating too much we will be entertained with a special program.

We are hoping for a change to a better meeting place, so watch the next B.A.R.C. News bulletin in the mail for a possible meeting place change in June. Meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. and all interested in ham radio are invited.

At the next meeting we will be laying our plans for Field Day under C.O. Bob Crispin.

### TAMPA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB NEWS

By Frank Shannon, K4GT

TARC welcomes new member Armin H. Smith, Jr., holding Novice Class license, W4UPZ. He is a lawyer by profession, and, he received his instructions under guidance of our TARC code and theory instructor George Orth, WA4THT.

Over the years, our club has been indebted to Seward Van Patten and to his wife Helen, for their many hours of activities in various affairs which have contributed toward amateur radio's "public image." Their latest activity was the Easter Week manning of TARC's station located in the Tampa Red Cross HQ building. W4DUG-4, Ray Murphy and John Fogarty handled the publicity. The following assisted by serving at Red Cross Chapter HQ: F. Ziegler, L. Wilkerson, Bill Holleyhead, Tom Hungate, Gordon Callender, Cy Connolly. Combined, they served 111½ hours and total message traffic 236. Commander Scott, Director, Tampa Chapter Red Cross stated "Good job, well done!" Most everyone knows of Van and Helen manning the TARC W4DUG booth during the daytime hours, each year, at the Florida State Fair for the two week duration!

At the April 21st regular meeting, your Scribe, gave a talk on participation in the then famous flight (October 4, 5 and 6th, 1946) of USAF B-29 bomber aircraft "Pacusan Dreamboat." This WW2 aircraft took off from Honolulu on a non-stop, non-refuel flight which route went over the North Pole enroute to Cairo, Egypt. Many contacts with radio amateurs were made throughout the flight, the last amateur contact was just previous to reeling in the trailing-wire antenna, to prepare to land at Payne Field, Cairo, Egypt. By coincidence it was a Florida amateur, W4RRB, Palm Beach, at 060441Z Oct. 1946!! QSL cards were mailed to all amateurs contacted—a photo of "Pacusan Dreamboat" take-off! C U next SKIP K4GT

### FLORIDORA YLS

By Cathy Soehl  
W4BAV AREA ARNS

W4BIL—Fran Foley enjoyed a surprise visit from her sisters; so there was a real celebration the 5 days the four sisters were together.

W4UF—Dot Saunders received her 5-band WAS No. 49 certificate from the ARRL; she is the 1st YL to win it. Watch for her picture and article possibly in QST.

W4GPX—Ruth Smith has her troubles:

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transmitter trouble and then a pinched nerve in her neck.

K4RHL—Ellie Hornor sent a card to W4QBY—Dorothea, from the Isle of Elba, one of her stops on the Caribbean cruise aboard the "Billehl," an 80-ft. Aux. Ketch, sending greetings to all and advising she expected to visit IIPHL—Hildegard Goldstein, Calabria, Italy. Ellie was to fly back to the States from Athens.

W4WPD—Shirley Hill had a harrowing experience when she and her Mother-in-law, were entering their car on the Sears parking lot, when suddenly a negro appeared, sticking a gun in Mrs. Hill's side, pushing her over and telling Shirley to drive. He directed them to a nearby wooded patch and relieved them of all their cash and advising them not to follow when he "took off." Needless to say, this upset them considerably but, we are glad to report, they were not harmed in any way.

W4IUR—Mim Cook drove to her sister's in Fort Myers, where they celebrated their birthdays, which are just a couple days apart. Mim became an official member of Knights of the Kilocycle May 2nd.

K4HSC—Meg Hennon enjoyed a cook-out with 40 of their Community Club members. Honorary guest was a 94-year old gentleman, able to see about 20 years of blindness, due to an operation that was aided by the Club. Good work!

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Starting with our June meeting on June 9 the Club is going to be meeting in a new place. It will be at the Florida Board of Realtors, 2301 N. Federal Hwy.—across from Jefferson's Dept. Store which has great areas of parking. This was kindly arranged by one of our newer members, Harold Ballantine. We thank him.

Please take special notice of this meeting place. It takes the place of the Court House. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. and all interested in amateur radio are invited to attend.

### WEST PALM BEACH ARC

By Clara B. Stables, WB4NXP

The following message is from our President, Harold W. Kilpatrick, WB4NP-N:

"A year ago in May, with twenty persons, our club organized in the back room of Manny's (W4EPO) store. The groundwork was laid and officers elected. One year later, with fifty-five members, most of whom are experienced operators and holders of higher class licenses, with a nicely furnished and well-equipped clubhouse, we feel that our progress in the coming year will be greater and more extensive than during the past, our first year.

"My sincere thanks to each member for his splendid co-operation and assistance, without which progress could not have been made. Special thanks go to Manny, W4EPO and Gene, W4BRB, for their technical advice and instruction, and to Clara, WB4NXP, for her superb secretarial service. WB4NP-N"

We are indeed proud of E. Wayne Keelin, WB4PWF, and his XYL, Hilda, both hospital pharmacists, who, on April 19, intercepted an urgent message from Ecuador. (See front page for details.) It is this kind of altruistic service that has been the trademark of Amateur Radio since its inception.

At the Annual Meeting, May 5, the following officers for 1971-72 were elected: President, Harold W. Kilpatrick, WB4NP-N; Vice-President, William Howell, WB4PQB; Secretary, Clara B. Stables,

WB4NXP; and Treasurer, George Guler, W4LFD.

The site of our Field Day operation will be an island—rechristened with the sobriquet "Manny's (W4EPO) Island" since he discovered it. We will cover 80, 40, 20, 15, 6 and 2.

### HOLLYWOOD AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

By Minnie Levine, W4RLS

Dave Levine, WB4LAX, home from months at sea on May 7 and will stay awhile. We hope Jerry Taylor, WB4TOF, is recuperating quickly from his operation.

HARC has provided communications for the "Walk for Development" in Hollywood. WB4TON was activated and 2 meters was used.

Upcoming events for our club are the VHF contest and Field Day and a Dinner meeting in June. Hal Wormser, WB4HSB and Wanda London, WB4UPG, were awarded their first second and third place certificates respectively for the Club's straight key sending contest.

Bill Landau, W4DXL, was our guest speaker at the May meeting. He spoke on DX and procedures. His talk was extremely well received.

As always visitors are welcome.



WINKY, WA4NBT OF Hollywood takes great pride in his work as shown here. The rack cabinet contains the S-Line and a homebrew 3-400Z amplifier. On the desk is the c.w. station and homebrew control unit, containing a "squeeze" keyer, SWR indicator, Dummy Load, clock, low pass filter and antenna switching network. Winky can be found mostly on QFN c.w. traffic net nightly.

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To me, this is just the beginning of a major problem, and it is going to take the concerted effort of the ham fraternity to force manufacturers to consider this diode rectification problem in the design of their equipment. It is a different problem than TVI, but the results will be the same until the manufacturers are made

knowledgeable. And, as you all know, solid state devices are getting hotter and extremely more numerous.

I hope this will help bring a serious problem to your attention and that if you encounter it you advise the manufacturer and assist him in keeping RF out of his products.

73, Bob, W4PFH.

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## FLORIDA FAA NET

By George Cooper, W4EH

I am indebted to W4LI Luther White for the following information concerning the history of the FAA net and updates the column printed in the April issue of FLORIDA SKIP.

W4LI, Luther, lives in Apollo Beach, Florida. Father of three and the proud grandfather of eight and one great grandchild.

Luther enlisted in the Navy in 1920 and served as radio operator aboard the battleships U.S.S. ARIZONA and the U.S.S. NEW YORK. A sea going tug U.S.S. KEWAYDIN this duty consisted of being the radio operator, ships electrician, mail clerk, quartermaster watches on the bridge and assistant navigator. Luther left the Navy in 1931 but went directly into the Naval Reserve with the rank of Ensign USNR and was promoted to Lt. JG in 1937.

In 1931 Luther entered duty with the FAA and all other predecessor agencies and through more reorganizations than could be listed. He retired in 1959 from the FAA at Ft. Worth, with the professional

grade Electronics Engineer and the title of Assistant Chief, Facilities Maintenance Branch.

First ham license 1931 and has been extra class since 1952. Luther's logs relate just how far back the FAA net was activated and the antiquity of the net. From 1934 to 1941 or until the war shut us down the net operated on 7144KHz and was known as the "CAA AIRWAYS NET". The original participants being: Stark Totman W4YB, Ted Cromwell, K3ERH and Luther White, W4LI. Lots of others came in occasionally but these three are the ones that still answer in the present net. In 1947 shortly after the ending of WW2 the net resumed operation on 3967.5 first on AM then to SSB. In 1969 the frequency was changed to 7260KHz which was found to be more reliable. Net control was assumed by W4JVA, Paul Colby who has been doing a bang up job since.

## USCGAUX AMATEUR RADIO NET

By Bill Hernandez, WB4DHS

This is my first attempt to write for the Florida Skip. I hope all you readers will bear with me while I try to tell you a little about the United States Coast Guard Aux. Our amateur radio net meets every Friday night at 1800 on 3914 LSB, to handle communications between the various units of the USCGAux in the Seventh Coast Guard district.

We are in need of amateur radio stations that operate on 2670, 2182 in both the gulf and ocean side of Florida. Also 27,980 in the inland lakes and waterways, such as the St. Johns river. Why don't you join in the net next Friday and get all the details.

My personal thanks to Ernie, K4RBD; Mack, WA4LZM; Earl, K4JF, and all the other net members that helped in getting the new frequency assignment for Flotilla's 41.47 and 4-11. I know this will

help to draw the above mentioned Flotilla together during the SR's and sundown patrols that are run every Sunday night.

The USCGAux has the primary function of promotion of safe boating, navigation and operation of small craft and along with this goes communications. I for one think this is a big job and we communicators of the USCGAux are doing it to the best of our ability now but if we had more amateurs in our ranks we would be doing the job much better. So, if you like boating and also radio operating, why not try to make the net next Friday night 1800 on 3914. See you Friday.

## T.P.T.N.

Summer is here along with DAYLIGHT UNSAVINGS TIME. Because of dreadfully deteriorating conditions on 75 meters, TPTN has moved to 40 meters—7282 to be exact. Time is 5 p.m., 2100Z. We've been delighted with the good conditions on 40. Everyone is usually armchair copy in Miami.

We are not delighted with the lack of attendance on our new frequency, however. Move your handswitch up a notch and join us on 40.

With the move to 40 several new members have joined the Tropical crew. Welcome Randy, WB4FGW, Tallahassee; Neil, WB4PKP, West Palm Beach; Gordy, K4EYT, Ocoee, and Lu, WB4RLU, W. Palm Beach.

Remember 7280 at 5:00 p.m., daily except Sunday.—73 WB4PWD

## FAST NET

By Virson D. Dailey, WA4NNB

It's getting time for us to elect a new FAST net manager. We have many capable amateurs who can easily fill the bill. I hope WB4MIQ and W4SNP will consider the position.

Since this may be my last article at FAST net manager I would like to give credit to those who have worked so hard the last five months. I would like to give special thanks to WB4GHD and K4SCL. During the last five months neither of these amateurs has missed calling the net

at their appointed time. They have consistently had the highest proficiency rating of all the NCS's. I would also like to thank WB4SMA, K4BLM, WB4LAA, and WB4MIQ and W4GUJ for their help. The FAST Net is where it is today for your efforts and enthusiasm. Each of you is to be congratulated for a job well done.

I am happy to welcome WA4TEO-4, WB4PWD, and WB4QPW into the net. Proficiency reports for April are as follows: QNI-min.—WB4MIQ 1.54, WB4GHD 1.52, K4SCL 1.41, WB4LAA 1.41, K4BLM 1.06, WB4SMA 1.06, QTC-min.—K4SCL 0.474, WB4SMA 0.412, WB4GHD 0.377, WB4MIQ 0.338, WB4LAA 0.0311, K4BLM 0.192. Hope to see all the members in Orlando. 73 Vince WA4NNB.

## QFN REPORT

K4EHV

Net Certificates for QFN for the quarter ending in April were issued to W4DQS, Dale, Cocoa and WB4LEL, Gary, Panama City.

All members were saddened by the untimely death of W4EHW, RJL, long time trafficker in Florida. It surely shortens the list of ops that were in the founding of QFN. RJL's distinctive signal and fist will be remembered with K4KDN and K4BY, by many of us.

Jungle Jim, W4VGE, has magically appeared after hiding out for years in the swamps of Immokalee. That fist is Coast Guard radioman retired stuff. W4IYT is South Florida's Red Cross Communication Consultant and represented us at the R.C. convention in Washington, D.C. May 16-19th. W4KJJ has appointed Regis, W4ILE, as Assistant Section Communications Manager (ARRL) designated to take over in case John has an emergency. K4FAC, Jack, is still studying graduate work in Engineering at the University of Florida, commuting every weekend to Jax to run traffic skeds.

QFTN formerly the Novice Hurricane Net is under the new leadership of Craig, WB4LAA. The slow speed training net

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FMTN	31.8	323	827	12.4	26
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FPTN	18.2	127	474	4.8	26
TPTN	16.0	109	416	4.2	9
QFTN	9.6	20	87	2.3	31
VEN	6.4	16	199	0.5	827



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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permission to rebroadcast and I received the following letter:

THIS IS IN RESPONSE TO YOUR LETTER OF APRIL 7, 1971. I AM ENCLOSING A COPY OF FCC PUBLIC NOTICE - G ON REBROADCASTING OF TIME SIGNALS. THERE IS NO PROBLEM REBROADCASTING THE WWV TIME SIGNALS AS LONG AS THE CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN THE ABOVE NOTICE ARE MET. WE ARE GLAD TO KNOW OF YOUR INTEREST IN WWV, IF WE CAN BE OF FURTHER ASSISTANCE, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO WRITE. LETTER WAS SIGNED BY: PETER P. VIEZBICK, CHIEF FREQUENCY-TIME BROADCAST SERVICES SECTION-TIME AND FREQUENCY DIVISION.

He sent me a copy of FCC 68-207 - PUBLIC NOTICE G, dated February 23, 1968. Under the rules in this notice (1) Time signals for rebroadcast must be obtained by direct radio reception from an NBS station. (5) Identification of the origin of the service and the source of the signals must be made by an announcement substantially as follows: "Next tone begins at 11 hours 25 minutes Greenwich Mean Time. This is a rebroadcast of a continuous service furnished by the National Bureau of Standards, Radio Standards

Laboratory, Boulder, Colorado." (6) Notice of use of NBS time signals for rebroadcast should be forwarded semi-annually to: Frequency-Time Broadcast Services, Radio Standards Laboratory, National Bureau of Standards, Boulder, Colorado 80502. Notice "G" contains more but the above is the most applicable part.

With reference to weather forecast rebroadcast, I felt there was a need for rebroadcast especially for emergency net operation. I wrote the Tampa office and received the following reply: REFERENCE IS MADE TO YOUR LETTER DATED APRIL 19, 1971 ASKING FOR AUTHORITY TO REBROADCAST OUR CONTINUOUS BROADCAST MADE ON 162.55 MZH FM.-THIS LETTER WILL SUFFICE AS AUTHORITY TO REBROADCAST OUR CONTINUOUS FORECAST.-THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST. I APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS.-IF WE CAN BE OF FURTHER HELP, PLEASE LET US KNOW. SIGNED BY: LAWRENCE M. DYE, METEOROLOGIST IN CHARGE.

I will rebroadcast every hour on the hour in the event of a severe weather alert or until my station is forced to close down due to local condition. Rebroadcast will be on 50.40 MHz which is frequency of our Emergency Net and Rag Chasers' Net. If I can be of any more assistance, just call.

Terp, W4VCY  
Tarpon Springs

Dear Andy:

I certainly concur with your presentation of a DEAR MABEL award to the XYL of Ron Auld, WB4QKR in Key West.

Maryann, or Sam as she is commonly known, is a most charming and cordial person. Ron is indeed fortunate.

My travels around the Southern part of Florida in my job have permitted me to visit and eyeball with many fine hams. Ron and Sam rank among the top.

Congratulations Sam and thanks to you Andy for mailing her an award.

Let me also mention that another Key West ham Harry Tucker, WB4KRD, and his XYL, Jean, have shown a very hospitable attitude toward me. The island is a unique "ham haven" and to visit once will make you want to go back.

My only wish is that more of us would be just as friendly and hospitable. We could use more of this attitude today.

73.

Jim Ackerson, K4PNJ  
6300 NW 25 Court  
Sunrise Golf Village, Florida 33313  
(Near Fort Lauderdale)

Editor:

This ham operator gradually became aware of a void in her life and now realizes that the "four Star" general in the household, WB4LNN, had allowed the Florida Skip subscription to end.

To avoid a repeat of this calamity,

## EX-CALLS

Many persons have been reunited through this Column. Have you sent us your EX-CALL?

K4AXC ex W9JAY  
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please find my check enclosed for a new subscription in the name of the undersigned "subordinate" general.

Am looking forward with much pleasure to renewing my friendship with your most delightful publication. Certain the OM is as well.

Sincerely,

Wanda London, WB4MPG  
N. Miami Beach.

(Thanks Wanda. Welcome back to the club. Ed.)

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Alachua	Alachua	W7CFJ 731	K5LWL 2132	Minnesota	
K4BGF 2356	W4DRK 9800	W6CLM 1650	W5LSZ 1232	W0YC 2889	Arkansas
Bay	Bradford	K6JQV 368	WB5CHK 1210	WB0AZD 1525	WA5ZGI 325
WB4LEL 2418	WB4OMG 336	WB6QWF 209	W5DTJ 368	WB0CWE 544	California
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Broward	W4RTE 14553	K0QIX 817	Vermont	WA0YEF 1596	WB0CCB 216
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W4YOX 6318	WB4NDZ 38100	Connecticut	W1MRW 378	WA0ZLU 135	Connecticut
K4ILC 2240	W4GDK 5084	WA1KMP 735	Virginia	Montana	K1WMQ 900
WN4RSV 90	WB4TON/4 12	K1ZFQ 176	K4LDR 1886	Nebraska	WA1KKM 480
Citrus	Dade	Georgia	W4NH 1200	W0FBB 726	Delaware
W4LIN 10105	K4YXJ 48258	K4BAI 1430	W4NM 1197	K0OAL 135	WA3PHG 252
Dade	K4BNC 41168	Illinois	W4ZRJ 35	New Hampshire	Illinois
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Highlands	Palm Beach	WA9WZV 216	W9HE 1210	New York	WA0TAQ 40
W4CKB 28160	W4RAP 47680	Kansas	France	WA2UWA 2538	Kansas
Hillsborough	WB4TON/4 12	W0IUB 893	F0WJ 176	W2RPZ 1600	WA0VJF 210
W1FUB/4 5461	Polk	WA0VJF 63	New Brunswick	W2EY 1512	Massachusetts
Lake	WA4UQQ 774	Maine	VE1AE 851	WB2MUK 688	W1JHQ 6732
W4IA 8159	Seminole	WIDPJ 1080	VE1AIT 208	WA2FOS 510	W1LZS 377
Monroe	K4IE 5400	W1UOT 448	Nova Scotia	North Carolina	W1NKE 364
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Orange	Washington	W3HQU 2262	Ontario	Ohio	W1MFB 48
W4YU 25404	W4IKB 54	WA3NEG 336	VE3BR 406	WB8FSV 1525	Michigan
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## NET NEWS

(Continued from Page 10)  
meets at 9 a.m. and 1430 on 7165 Saturdays  
and Sundays . . . ALL are welcome.  
WB4PKP is assistant Net Manager.

## FLORIDA MIDDAY TRAFFIC NET

By Herb, W4LSR

Best wishes to Herb, K4DAX our  
Assistant Manager who is retiring to a new  
home on Lake Lyndon B. Johnson in his  
home State of Texas. He plans to leave us  
in June.

Steve, W44RUE, is back with us after a  
bout with the flu. Hugh, W44LS, is leaving  
early in May but plans to be back on the  
net in July.

Birch, WB4AIW, has returned after a  
long absence. He has added a new piece of  
gear to his shack. It is an electric  
typewriter.

## GATOR NET

By Ev, W4LA

The death of our good friend Hij, W4EH-  
W on April 17 made April a sad month for  
the Gator Net and for all Florida traffic  
handlers. Hij took up ham radio in 1954 and  
his prime interest always was in the  
message pushing phase. He cannot be  
replaced but we can emulate his spirit and  
dedication. R.I.P., OM.

Congratulations to George, W4EH on  
qualifying for GN certificate. Birch,  
WB4AIW is back home and has taken over  
W4EH's NCS job on Thursdays. Another  
father-son pair came to light recently  
when K3BBR called into the net. K4KO is  
his dad. W4IA and son W3FZY keep  
schedules each Sunday. WB4HML, Kevin  
in Hollywood is a welcome addition to GN.  
We are happy to see several others  
becoming more or less "regulars".  
WB4JJQ, WB4OMG, WB4FLW and K4MY.

## QSO PARTY RESULTS

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<u>Nebraska</u>	
WA9RKQ	322
<u>New Jersey</u>	
WA2EUX	208
WA2CWX	154
<u>New Mexico</u>	
W5QNO	162
K5WSP	96
<u>New York</u>	
WB2IKN	308
WB2MUK	198
WA2FOS	160
<u>North Carolina</u>	
WB4JYB	658
WA4FFW	162
<u>Ohio</u>	
WB8FSV	540
WA8WKQ	312
<u>Pennsylvania</u>	
WA3ISG	299
<u>Tennessee</u>	
WB4ORP	351
<u>Texas</u>	
WB5CHK	893
<u>Virginia</u>	
WB4OUD/4	2772
<u>Washington</u>	
K7RSB	276
<u>West Virginia</u>	
WA8KAN	200
<u>Wisconsin</u>	
W9KXK	286
<u>Manitoba</u>	
VE4EA	325
<u>New Brunswick</u>	
VE1AIT	30
<u>Newfoundland</u>	
VO1CA	765
<u>Ontario</u>	
VE3BR	1159
<u>Sweden</u>	
SM4DHF	24
SM6DHU	8

## TROPHIES

<u>FLORIDA</u>	
single-op CW	K4SHB
<u>FLORIDA</u>	
single-op SSB	K4YXJ
<u>FLORIDA</u>	
multi-op	W4FDA
<u>OUT OF STATE</u>	
	WA1JHQ

It is a bit of a surprise, but a most pleasant one, to learn that the post of Chief, Amateur & Citizens Radio Division, FCC (the vacancy left by W3BG's retirement) is being filled by A. Prose Walker, W4BW.

Prose brings to the position an extensive background in both industry and government, aside from nearly fifty years' ham experience.

## UNTIL DEATH DO WE PART

To a lot of women, "ham" is something that you have on Christmas, Easter, or some special day of the year. To me, "Ham" is the word used most often to describe the man with whom I agreed to spend the rest of my life! At first it wasn't bad. The "equipment" in our home was only a small, fairly quiet two-way radio. On it, we listened to some men talk in a sort of funny language to each other. If I sat and really paid attention I could manage to understand MOST of what was said... but, there was always some smarty who threw in a phrase like "balanced modulator, phase shift or crystal filters."

It got worse, fairly quick. For what seemed like an awfully long time I heard all sorts of "tapping" noises coming from the shack. My love was going to get a license of some sort I was told! Well, after forty forevers, he finally did get a license. But, it was just a "little" one... All he could do was "tap" on a key. Then, after a little while, we began really studying and got a "big" license! He could actually get on that little black box with all the knobs and open his mouth and let words come out. I was thrilled to death!! MYHAM was going to really get on the air... little did I know that that was just the beginning of many late suppers, late appointments, and undone odd jobs around the house!

Being a fairly orderly-type housekeeper I was appalled to find little meters cluttering up my dining room table when I had prepared a very nice meal and planned to set an equally nice table! Let me tell you, a platter of fried chicken just loses some of its glory sitting next to a half-built transmitter!! But, I kept telling myself, "Soon as he gets this built, he'll be through." It's really funny how wrong one can be!!!!

Then came my first encounter with a Ham-Fest. I was told it would be gobs of fun, laughter and frolic. So, with kids in tow, we set out on our first! I was all prepared for a lovely picnic with MY husband proudly showing off his "XYL" (by then I was almost an expert on those sort of terms) and "Jr. Op's." Bless my soul, I almost had to put him on a leash to keep from losing him to the "Swap Table"! But, we had fun. We met lots of other Ham families and I got to see that there really were other wives who shared my "burden"!!

Yes, to me "Ham" is the word used most often to describe the man with whom I agreed to spend my life... even though I secretly wonder if I'm not really second in line to the latest model Transceiver, I feel lucky! After all, when you tell others that your husband is a HAM, you sure do get some odd comments... some full of sympathy, some full of comedy, and a lot that are full of admiration. For those comments that are full of sympathy, you immediately spring to the defense of Ham radio; for those full of comedy, you manage to make it clear that Ham radio is a serious business; and for those full of admiration, you remind yourself that this is the way you SHOULD feel all the time. After all, how many women are lucky enough to have HAM every day of the year?

contributed by Bettie Sloat,  
XYL of K4VGN, Ft. Myers, Fla.

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Please is a rare commodity in today's society. With war, Racism and all. It's hard to find that true peace mankind has searched so many years for.

But peace cannot be instantaneously produced. Like love, it forms knowing it's own time. No one nation, no one person can cause peace to come about. It can only form by a combined effort of all mankind.

Yet peace can be found. It always exists in oneself, if and only if man can be honest with himself. It acts as a communicable disease, infecting all that come in contact with it.

May God allow us all to practice peace and make this hell on earth a little more agreeable. (Submitted by WB4IME—St. Pete.)

## VOLUNTEER EXAMINERS

There has been some confusion about the time frame within which a volunteer examiner was obliged to return an examination envelope. FCC has now cleared up the matter with a minor rules change effective immediately: Section 97.29(b) (3) now reads, "The examination papers, either completed or unopened in the event the examination is not taken, shall be returned by the volunteer examiner to the Commission's office at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, no later than 30 days after the date the papers are mailed by the Commission (the date of mailing is normally stamped by the Commission on the outside of the examination envelope)." (From ARRL Dir. Letter 1391)

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**FOR SALE:** KWM-2 with a.c. and d.c. power supplies, mobile mount and cables, mike, Hustler 20 and 80 mobile antennas. \$800.00. Chuck Ritchie WB4UB, 4224 N.W. 43 Ave., Boca Raton, FL 33432 Phone 395-1105.

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## HAMFEST UPDATED

The TAMPA HAMFEST is being up dated to a 2 day (Saturday and Sunday, October 16th and 17th) event to be held in the fully air-conditioned ELECTRICAL BUILDING on North Blvd., in the FLORIDA STATE FAIR GROUP OF BUILDINGS. This is a very large building with ample display room, and in addition suitable room for other organization meetings.

## FLORIDA QSO PARTY SOAP-BOX

"I like the Florida QSO party better than any other that I have worked. I have one big gripe and that is many Florida Participants do not QSL. All were new counties for me. Since then I have K4GRD-4 Pasco, W4NLX-4 Brevard, WA4DOU-4 Monroe, WA4IMC Bay, W4HSJ Hillsborough and K4EHY Pinellas. All should accept the responsibility of QSLing S.S.C."

"I used my mobile rig parked in the driveway at my mobilehome space. The rig is SWAN-350 and mastermobile antenna. Please encourage the Florida Participants to answer QSL's. Most have exactly half to date. JLY, WA6PDE"

"An excellent party with general good operating practices. However, when will the Florida stations learn to spread out? Each year seems to bring out more ops and counties. Wouldn't it be great if we could get maybe 45 to 55 counties operating all at once in one year. Dave W4WHK . . ."

## SAVE TOTS' LIVES

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twenty meter band and a schedule with the Quito station. The word came through. "The children got the medicine in time and are on the way to recovery."

Wayne Keelin, WB4PWF has had his General and Advanced tickets since December 24, 1970. He is a member of the West Palm Beach Amateur Radio Club and in addition to being a pharmacist is a Baptist minister. "I feel it is my Christian duty to help someone in a situation like this," he says.

Wayne's activities received national attention May 4, when popular radio commentator Paul Harvey devoted five minutes of his show that day to the operation. His "News and Comments" is heard daily by millions coast to coast and is badly needed publicity for amateur radio.

Because of his devotion to mankind and his newly found hobby which stunningly upholds the long tradition of service amateur radio has accumulated, Florida Skip Editor Andy Clark presented Wayne with the coveted Florida Skip Certificate of Merit. Additionally, the staff of this publication are proud to salute E. Wayne Keelin, WB4PWF, as Amateur of the Month in Florida.

## "HAM HIJACK"



"O.K. Get me CQ Cuba."

## VHF'ERS COLUMN

By Frank Shannon, K4GT

CQD! CQD! Curious? Your Scribe is guilty of the use of a gimmick to capture your attention, to attract you to read further into this somewhat new column, with the objective of soliciting your aid and participation in convincing SKIP's editor that you VHF'ers do give a "tinker's d-n" about SKIP! Write your scribe regarding your VHF activities, include information on your own station and your clubs, nets, groups, etc.

One VHF'er, Clayton Foster, K4ATW, New Port Richey, writes "at a recent meeting of our club, Gulf Coast Amateur Radio, those present, 32 members, were asked "which of you subscribe-read SKIP?" 21 responded "Yes!" Of those 21, over half were VHF'ers! So, VHF'ers please "pass the word" about SKIP!

Al Mann, WB4CQU, New Port Richey, has proven to be most active on VHF. He monitors, daily, 50.150 MHz SSB and 146.94 MHz FM. Al is a member of the "Medicare Group," which operate daily, starting at 0930 AM EDT on 50.150 MHz SSB. This group of VHF'ers, mostly retirees, stretch along the West coast from Naples to Weeki Watchee. Most active stations are: WB4JAI, W4ZBD, WA4VJE, WB4KZJ, WA4VLG, WB4CQS, K4ATW, WB4LPA and WB4CQU. Recently this group lost members, K4DCR and WB4LDS, now Silent Keys.

A number of visiting snowbirds join the group during the winter months, and the group always welcomes breakers,

such as W4GDS, Pompano Beach, when he aims his powerful signal squirter our direction! You VHF'ers will also hear most of aforementioned stations during evening hours (50.150 MHz)

Were you curious about "CQD"? It was used in early days of wireless as a "distress signal." It was replaced by 1912 law. C U next SKIP! K4GT.

## FCC PROBES

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hams have asked that their transmissions be carried on cable television systems."

There are two proposals before the commission. One proposal simply specifies in FCC regulations that political discussions over the air are authorized for hams. Another, by the Electronics Industries Association, would allow hams to provide communications for nonprofit groups like the Red Cross or Boy Scouts as well as other public service activity: sports events, parades, etc., but leaves unanswered the question of political discussions.

In the upcoming months expect to hear much about this issue. It is perhaps a sign of the times that our turbulent world is reflected into the heretofore serene amateur bands.

## - COMING EVENTS -

Brandon (BARS) Camporee	June	11-13
ARRL Field Day	June	26-27
Melbourne Hamfest	Sept.	11
Miami Auctionfest	Sept.	18
Tampa Hamfest	Oct.	16-17

## FLORIDA

## PUBLIC SERVICE CORPS

Ken, W4SMK

The month of June officially begins another hurricane season. Even though we have had few storms early in the season now is a good time to think about some preparations. At the home station be sure your antennas are in good repair, and can be quickly raised or lowered if necessary. If you are leaving for the Summer be sure to lower them and secure them so they won't damage your property, or your neighbors' property.

Also fire up your emergency generator on Field Day, or some week end, to be sure it will work when needed. Be sure and keep a few gallons of fresh gasoline handy, as well as some oil, since during a storm the gasoline stations may be shut down.

If you are on the air regularly you won't need to worry about whether or not your rig will work when needed. If possible have a spare rig that will operate in case the big rig fails. This can be a mobile transceiver, or a low power CW station, etc. Since everything seems to break down at the critical moment you should keep a complete set of spare tubes, etc. around the shack, as well as the tools you may need.

After making sure your own gear is in good shape, how about lending a hand to the local Civil Defense, Red Cross station, and/or local AREC station to be sure they are in good repair? Contact the EC, or Red Cross Radio Officer, or CD people and volunteer. There is no money in it, just a lot of satisfaction. Be sure and volunteer your services as an operator when the time comes, and participate in your local emergency net drills so you will know what to do and how to do it.

W4IYT, SEC for East Fla., is working with the South Fla. Div. Red Cross in order to get the Red Cross chapters to utilize the amateur nets on a regular basis for traffic.